

RING OF BOX CAR
THIEVES UNCOVERED.

With the arrest of twelve men, all Mexicans, and several more being sought late this afternoon, and the recovery of hundreds of dollars' loot in merchandise, mostly clothing, a ring of box car thieves, who have been successfully operating in Cochise county for the past two years is believed to have been broken up by county and city officers last night and today.

On information furnished by City Marshal Hal Smith, of Tombstone, to whom belongs the credit of having run down the clues which led to the first arrests last night, the recovery of the loot and arrest of the members of the ring was effected when a raid was made early this morning in the Mexican section of the city, near what is known as Tank Hill and the arrests made and loot consisting of hundreds of pairs of new shoes, hundreds of yards of suiting and dress material and blankets, shirts and other wearing apparel, recovered.

The twelve men arrested last night and today gave their names at the sheriff's office today as Jose Martinez, Pablo Perez, Alcario Rodriguez, Alejandro Martinez, Juan Gutierrez, Francisco Armenta, Ygnacio Galvez, Arnulfo Armenta, Santiago Oberman, Marcelino Villalobos, Roman Marietta and Santiago Bulla. Several more are expected to be added to the list before nightfall by Sheriff J. E. Hood, who with City Marshal Smith, and Deputies Ed Leahy, W. P. Thorpe and Harry Rafferty, and Constable Porter McDonald, constituted the raiding party of officers.

Several more search warrants were sworn out this afternoon and additional search is being made late this afternoon, the officers being confident that more loot will be uncovered. Goods today, a part of the stolen articles, was found in the central part of the city, where the last prisoner, Santiago Bulla, was arrested. His partner, Francisco Chavez, is also being sought.

That practically all of the men arrested are implicated in the robberies, for which railroad detectives and county and state officers have been seeking to ferret out for the past two years, is the belief of Sheriff Hood, who said today that the ring leader of the gang is also among the men arrested.

On the merchandise loot uncovered by the officers, which was contained mostly in sacks and boxes, were addresses showing that the shipments were mostly from New York factories enroute via the Southern Pacific to San Francisco merchants. Among the effects taken by the officers, which shows conclusively, the sheriff says, that the gang was an organized one, operating in box car thefts, was a large amount of box car seals, bearing the stamp of the Southern Pacific company.

This shows that when a seal was broken on a car from which the goods were taken, the officers say, the car would be sealed again in the regular manner, which accounts for a fact that baffled the railroad detectives for many months.

When box cars would reach their destination they would be found minus hundreds of dollars of merchandise billed out. But always the car would be sealed. Several times merchandise had been found along the right of way of the Southern Pacific tracks between Dragoon and Benson, but always the handits escaped or never returned to gather in the loot, when they saw that they had been detected. The robberies would then cease for a short while, when again and with consistency would come reports of shipments in westbound freight showing shortages.

Searches were made of many premises in Benson and surrounding towns, but nothing of value that would prove the robberies were ever uncovered until the wholesale raid and recovery of loot that will undoubtedly send at least a dozen or more men over the road, was accomplished here today.

In the house raided this morning a ten-gallon still, which was still warm and dripping molasses was taken, and a keg of the liquor containing about three gallons. Both still and liquor were confiscated by the

officers.

Until the railroad officials have been heard from, no charges have been placed against the men arrested, but it is certain that they will all be brought to trial under federal charges.

Loot to the value of thousands of dollars is believed to have been disposed of by the gang, which made it a business to peddle the wares in the various towns in Cochise county, the officers claim.

RAID HERE ONLY STARTER
ON BOX CAR THEFTS.

That the raid conducted here by Sheriff J. E. Hood and Deputies, and City Marshal Hal Smith, is only a starter to what will now result was the belief of J. J. Kelly, special agent of the Southern Pacific, who is here checking up on the loot stolen to connect up the robberies.

According to Kelly, of Los Angeles, who is temporarily located on the Tucson division, the 13 men arrested here yesterday by the county and city officers, are only a part of the organized gang that have been operating on the division in wholesale box car thefts for the past year or more, and the arrests and recovery of loot here will be bound to result in further arrests and recovery of stolen property. In fact, a number are under surveillance today as a result, with arrests expected at any time.

Recovery of another large loot of shoes was effected last night by City Marshal Smith, when he found a large sack cached away in a gully west of town, near the scene of the first raid yesterday.

Many houses, mostly occupied by Mexicans, were searched yesterday and the officers, armed with warrants, gained clues to the location of some of the stolen goods, mostly shoes, blankets and shirts. In several of the houses stolen articles were located, but nothing more that would connect occupants up with the thefts was uncovered. In fact, it was indicated that wholesale peddling of the stolen goods had been going on for some time past.

This morning Mrs. Jas. Barrett, living on 7th street, found a new pair of ladies shoes in her front yard. Believing that they had been lost by parties who had probably attempted to do away with some of the stolen articles by throwing them down an abandoned mine shaft nearby, she reported it to the sheriff's office. A search this afternoon, however, failed to disclose any more of the loot, although investigation is still on.

From all parts of the city the officers have received additional clues that will lead to more arrests, while in other towns along the route of the S. P. recovery of loot is expected with arrests to follow.

The net work connecting the organized gang is expected to extend further out along the S. P. lines in and out of the state, according to Special Agent Kelly, before the gang will be definitely broken up. Just who is the leader of the gang, and whether he has yet been apprehended, is a question, however, the officers state.

Methods used by the present gang are the same as have been used and will continue to be used, Mr. Kelly said today. Whether the robbers gained knowledge of through merchandise trains, or whether they have merely chanced to break into cars containing goods they wanted is a clue the officers are still working on. Source of the stolen box car seals is also being traced.

Last night S. B. Moss, storekeeper of Benson, came up when he heard of the wholesale arrests with a view of inspecting the recovered goods in an effort to identify merchandise stolen from his store several weeks ago. While nothing he could identify was found in the pile of goods in the sheriff's office, today it was discovered that one of the prisoners had on a pair of the khaki trousers tallying with Moss' description. A further inspection of the premises occupied by the Mexican is being made. It is possible also, the officers believe, that members of the same gang are the ones who twice robbed the Fairbank Commercial Company store, nine miles from here, during the past several months. The robbery of the store had been accomplished by breaking open a warehouse door and

the loot hauled away in a truck. Nothing yet has been found that would connect them up with this job, however.

As the robberies were committed on interstate shipments, Agent Kelly stated today, the men arrested will be arraigned tomorrow before U. S. Commissioner W. A. Fowler, on a federal charge.

SUPERVISORS DISCUSS
ROAD WORK TO BE DONE
BEFORE RAINY SEASON

With a balance of about \$65,000 in the county road fund, the members of the board of supervisors are laying plans for a small amount of road work before the summer rains commence, and to discuss this problem a conference was held in Douglas yesterday in John B. Hart's office. Of this amount, however, the greatest portion must be kept in reserve for any emergency which might arise, such as washed out bridges and cañons that would hold up traffic. Sufficient money must be kept in the treasury to take care of these emergencies until the money from the 1922 taxes is available.

Engineer Smyth attended the conference and informed the members of the board that the county road crew is now surfacing the central highway north from Douglas and soon would have it in good shape for the rainy season. The Bowie road, which was begun last year is about complete and is said to be one of the finest county roads in the state.

LIVESTOCK AND RANGES

PHOENIX, May 4.—Light rainfall in localities in the north and northeastern sections of the district has aided considerably in the development of range grass. Reports to the weather bureau indicate the improvement of ranges in the vicinity of Pinto, Prescott and Thatcher and a slight improvement of stock in many sections. In the northeastern section, where rain has been badly needed for many weeks a moderate rainfall during the past week started grass growing nicely. Better conditions prevail in the Prescott section and in the Fort Apache Reservation good conditions continue. At Pinedale new feed has been helpful but the season is reported backward and cattle thin.

Crop Progress in Arizona

Under the influence of higher temperatures all vegetation has made rapid advance during the week. Early planted cotton has made the second joint and in many places plants are six inches high. Where replanted, cotton is making a sturdy growth and presents a uniform and healthy appearance. Potatoes are doing extremely well and recent weather conditions have been favorable for a large yield. Cantaloupes are coming on nicely notwithstanding attacks of aphids which is also reported to infest cotton and potatoes. First cutting of alfalfa in the Salt River valley is reported as poor and light owing to the effects of cold weather. Barley is turning yellow and a considerable amount of grain hay is being cut. Grapes are blooming in the Yuma section, summer squash is on the market and string beans are appearing. Annual shipment of date stock from Yuma has been completed, the greater part going to India, Cal.

ARIZONA LIVESTOCK IN
BETTER CONDITION THAN
IN TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

TUCSON, May 4.—Arizona livestock is in better shape than it has been for 25 years, according to Albert Steinfeld, pioneer merchant of Tucson, who has just returned from California.

In an interview given last night, Mr. Steinfeld expressed surprise that there had not been more cattle sales made in Arizona recently and suggested that the stockmen of the state take aggressive steps toward getting their rightful share of the country's cattle business.

"In view of the poor condition of cattle in the northwest, I cannot understand why there has not been an influx of buyers into Arizona," Mr. Steinfeld declared.

Osman—United American sending out ore assaying over \$30 per ton. Globe—Lepold claim in Sleeping Beauty district opens \$130 ore.

SPECIAL

DEL MONTE FRUIT	
6 cans 2 1/2 sliced Pineapple	\$1.75
6 cans 2 1/2 Yellow cling Peaches	1.75
6 cans 2 1/2 Apricots	1.75
6 cans 2 1/2 Bartlett Pears	2.10
6 cans 2 1/2 Royal Anne Cherries	1.95
6 cans 2 1/2 Black Berries	2.00
6 cans No. 2 sliced Pineapple	1.35
6 cans No. 2 Bartlett Pears	1.60
6 cans No. 2 Muscat Grapes	1.20
6 cans No. 2 Black Berries	1.60
6 cans No. 2 Red Raspberries	1.79
6 cans No. 2 Strawberries	1.95
6 cans No. 1 sliced Peaches	1.10
6 cans No. 1 Pineapple	1.10
6 cans No. 1 Grated Pineapple	.75
6 cans No. 1 Apricots	1.60
6 cans No. 1 Green-gage Plums	1.60
6 cans assorted Jams	1.10
MT. HAMILTON BRAND	
6 cans 2 1/2 Black Berries	1.65
6 cans 2 1/2 Black Cherries	1.69
6 cans 2 1/2 Apricots	1.60
6 cans 2 1/2 Sliced Peaches	1.80
SOLID PACKED PIE FRUIT	
Red Raspberries, gallon cans	.90
Black Berries, gallon cans	.90
Pineapple, gallon cans	.70
Bartlett Pears, gallon cans	.70
Royal Anne Cherries, gallon cans	1.15
6 cans 2 1/2 St. Hamilton Tomatoes	.90
6 cans String Beans	.70
6 cans Early June Peas	.70
6 cans Corn	.70
12 cans 1/2 Milk, tall	1.35
12 cans 1/2 Milk, small	.65
New York State Pure Maple Syrup, tall gallon	1.25
Karo Syrup 2 1/2 lb. Ren can	.15
Karo Syrup 2 1/2 lb Blue can, 2 for	.25
Fancy Prunes 50 to 60, 5 lbs.	.95
Apricots, 5 lbs.	1.35
Peaches, 5 lbs.	1.25
Non-Such Mince Meat, pkg.	.15
Macaroni, 3 pkgs	.25
Argo Gloss Starch, pkg.	.10
25 large bars P. & G. Laundry Soap	1.00
3 cakes Toilet Soap	.25
Large pkg. Star Naphtha washing powder	.21
6 Rolls Toilet Paper	.25
20c. Cigarettes, 10 to carton	1.50
Prince Albert and Tuxedo Tobacco, dozen cans	1.65
Good Broom	.70
Men's Overalls, good quality	1.65
Men's Jumpers	1.35
Men's Work Shirts	.75
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Men's Cotton Socks, 2 prs.	.25
Ladies' Cotton Hose	.15
Children's Fancy Striped Socks	.25

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JAMES OUT FOR
RE-ELECTION

In this issue J. E. James, Clerk of the Superior Court of Cochise county, makes his announcement for re-election to the office, which he has held with credit ever since statehood.

In making his announcement to the Democrats of Cochise county, Mr. James, who has served the people of this county faithfully for the past ten years, stated that he has nothing to say or offer as his reason for again entering the race for the office, other than his record during his incumbency. That his record will speak for itself, even Mr. James' political opponents admit, and it has been on his record solely that he has been re-elected for the office, which is one of the most important in the county. It is through the Clerk's office that all important papers bearing on every suit, either criminal, civil, probate or juvenile, must go and be properly and painstakingly cared for until a case has gone to judgment and final settlement, and it is for his untiring efficiency and attention to official duties that the present incumbent can go back to the clerk's office as long as he wishes it, his friends maintain.

Out of the many thousands of cases handled not one error can be claimed against the system he has put in vogue in the office, which in itself bespeaks a record that is unassailable in comparison with any office in the whole state.

A resident of Cochise county for the past quarter century, Mr. James, a life-long Democrat, rose from the ranks of the laboring man in the territorial days he served as probate clerk of the old District Court and his record in this department won for him a reputation that easily elected him to the clerk's office when statehood came. The office being for a four year term, a branch of the Superior court, he was not compelled to enter the elections last year.

Mr. James expects to make a brief campaign before the primaries, the duties of his office permitting his assistance in this county being the widest, possibly, of any other public official.

BOND ISSUE OF \$80,000
DECIDED UPON.

The board of trustees of the newly created Union High School District met last evening and considered the amount of bonds to be issued for the erection of the new high school building.

After careful consideration and studying the plans, it was decided to vote for a bond issue of \$80,000.

The exact date of the bond issue election has not yet been decided upon, but his will be settled shortly and the election can follow within 20 days, the limit prescribed by law.

The matter of selection of a site has been the bone of contention, but these have simmered down to two sites, and the board is now negotiating for one of these two.

The question of a gymnasium in connection has also proven a thorn in the matter, and as the proposal has met with approval on every hand, the board is considering the erection of a fully equipped gymnasium, housed in an entirely separate building. This action is looked upon as the most satisfactory solution.

SAY ATTEMPT BEING MADE

TO ANNEX ARIZONA LAND

PHOENIX, Ariz., May 3.—Attorney General W. J. Galbraith of Arizona, on his return here today from a tour of investigation of the Cibola Valley, Arizona, charged that an attempt is being made to annex thousands of acres of Arizona land to California by changing the course of the Colorado river near Cibola.

He announced he would take legal action at once to frustrate the attempt.

Galbraith said he found that workers employed on a California irrigation project on the Colorado were blasting in an effort to divert the course of the river so as to cut off a large portion of the valley, leaving it on the California side of the Colorado. The Cibola Valley comprises 22,000 acres of fertile river delta land and is between Yuma, Ariz., and Blythe, Cal.

Humboldt—Plans under way to blow in smelter about June 1st.

TRADE AT HOME WEEK
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and towns preparations for the campaign have begun already, and plans are being formulated elsewhere as rapidly as possible. Within a week the Congress will have a complete list of civic and commercial organizations of the state which are to conduct the various local drives.

Plans for the week are marked by simplicity. Practically the only expense will be the printing of posters to placard each town, as the organization feel that maximum results can be obtained with minimum expense in a movement of this nature.

Success of the "Trade At Home—Buy Arizona Products" week will depend largely upon the merchant themselves. They will be asked to feature the week in their newspaper and other advertising, to display posters advertising the week and to arrange special window displays in line with the general effort to show the public at large that it is good business as well as patriotism to trade at home.

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39,131 ILLITERATES IN
ARIZONA SAYS EDUCATOR
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Illiterate negroes 338
Illiterate males of voting age 15,547
Rural illiteracy 33,059
Urban illiteracy 6,072
Percentage of illiteracy in state 15.3.

Illiteracy by Counties

Mohave	457
Graham	475
Santa Cruz	1,293
Yavapai	1,625
Greenlee	1,625
Yuma	1,723
Coconino	2,163
Pinal	2,363
Gila	2,370
Cochise	3,382
Pima	4,367
Apache	5,243
Maricopa	7,670

Phoenix—Direct railroad line to Mexico City now possibility.